



November 24, 2010

This edition of the COD Processing Update will remain on the [COD Web site](#) until Monday, November 29, 2010. We will notify schools via a COD Web Message when a new edition has been posted.

Grant Programs

ACG, National SMART Grant, Pell Grant, and TEACH Grant

COD News

COD Holiday Schedule For November 24 and 25, 2010 (11/16/10)

Thursday, November 25, 2010 is the Thanksgiving Day Federal holiday.

- The COD School Relations Center will close at 3:00 P.M. (ET) on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 and reopen at 8:00 A.M. (ET) on Friday, November 26, 2010.
- The COD System will accept and process data from schools and send back responses/acknowledgments on Thursday, November 25, 2010, but schools will not be able to receive any Federal funds on that day.

Further information regarding Thanksgiving Day processing and customer service hours for COD and other Federal Student Aid/Department call centers is posted in an [Electronic Announcement on the Information for Financial Aid Professionals \(IFAP\) Web site](#).

2011-2012 COD Technical Reference November 2010 Final Now Available (11/23/10)

We are pleased to announce the posting of the [2011-2012 Common Origination and Disbursement \(COD\) Technical Reference](#). The 2011-2012 COD Technical Reference contains development information for the 2011-2012 Award Year.

G5 Phase 3 Implementation December 10-20, 2010 -- Impact to Federal Student Aid Processing and on Funds Availability for Title IV Programs (11/19/10)

During the period of December 10-20, 2010, the Department of Education will implement Phase 3 of G5. Please review the following information to determine how processing at your school will be affected.

G5 Phase 3 Implementation Outage

From 3:00 P.M. (ET) on Friday, December 10, 2010 through 6:00 A.M. (ET) on Monday, December 20, 2010, the [G5 Web site](#) will not be available.

COD System Processing Impact

From Friday, December 10, 2010 through 6:00 A.M. (ET) on Monday, December 20, 2010, the COD System will accept ACG, National SMART Grant, Pell Grant, TEACH Grant, Direct Loan, and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant records. However, after 2:00 P.M. (ET) on Friday,



December 10, 2010, CFL changes (as a result of actual disbursements) and funding will not be processed by G5 until December 20, 2010.

For complete details, please refer to [the November 19, 2010 Electronic Announcement posted on the IFAP Web site](#).

COD School Testing for the 2011-2012 Award Year (11/19/10)

The Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) School Relations Center will conduct Common Record Manual Verification and Structured Application Testing for the 2011-2012 Award Year from January 3, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Optional Unstructured Testing will be available April 1, 2011 through December 2, 2011.

The purpose of COD School Testing is to provide schools, third party servicers, and software vendors an opportunity to test Federal Pell Grant (Pell Grant), Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH Grant), and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) business processes and system software with the COD System prior to the transmission and processing of actual production data using [COD Common Record XML Schema Version 3.0d](#). It also allows schools, third party servicers, and software providers the opportunity to make corrections or enhancements to software applications and processes prior to sending data to the “live” production environment.

All entities that wish to participate in COD School Testing must submit the “COD School Testing 2011-2012 Sign-Up Document” to the COD School Relations Center. Schools, third party servicers, and software vendors can submit the sign-up document beginning Monday, January 3, 2011.

For additional information, refer to [the November 19, 2010 Electronic Announcement posted on the IFAP Web site](#).

COD Computer-Based Training – Final Ten Modules Now Available (11/19/10)

Federal Student Aid is pleased to announce the availability of the remaining ten updated modules of the Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Computer-Based Training (CBT). The COD CBT includes enhancements that have been made to the COD System, the [COD Web site](#), and associated Web sites and software products through June 26, 2010.

If you have questions or comments about the COD CBT, contact the COD School Relations Center. You may also e-mail CODSupport@acs-inc.com. If you e-mail your question or comment, please include “COD CBT Question/Comment” in the subject line.

Weekly Reminders



COD Computer-Based Training (11/24/10)

Federal Student Aid takes this opportunity to remind the community of the availability of the COD Computer-Based Training (CBT). The COD CBT includes enhancements that have been made to the COD System, the [COD Web site](#), and associated Web sites and software products through June 26, 2010.

The COD CBT consists of component simulations and CBTs. Each COD CBT component is explained below. The electronic files associated with each component, as well as information about downloading and navigating the COD CBT, are available on the Information for Financial



Aid Professionals (IFAP) Web site. Under the “Tools for Schools” section on the home page, click on [COD Computer-Based Training](#).

If you have questions or comments about the COD CBT, contact the COD School Relations Center at 800/474-7268 for Grants or 800/848-0978 for Direct Loans. You may also e-mail CODSupport@acs-inc.com. If you e-mail your question or comment, please include “COD CBT Question/Comment” in the subject line.